



# FOSTERING SECURE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

## 5th Annual Fair Housing Conference

March 31 — April 1, 2005

Memphis Public Library  
3030 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee

***Trends in Housing Accessibility for the Disabled  
and  
Local Collaborations to Combat Predatory Lending***

Community Development Council of Greater Memphis  
1548 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

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This conference was made possible by the following organizations: City of Memphis, Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD); Community Development Council; Fair Housing Alliance of Greater Memphis (FHAGM); Memphis Center for Independent Living (MCIL); Memphis Fair Housing Center; Shelby County Department of Housing; United Housing; and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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Wednesday, March 30 — Reception

5:00 – 7:00 pm National Civil Rights Museum  
**Speakers:** James Sutton, FHEO Region IV Director, HUD  
Barbara Swearengen Holt, Memphis City Council

Thursday, March 31 – Session One

9:00 am **Registration**

9:15 – 9:30 am **Welcome**  
Robert Lipscomb, Executive Director/Director, MHA/HCD  
  
**Opening Remarks**  
Mayor W. W. Herenton, City of Memphis  
Mayor A C Wharton, Shelby County  
Amber Gooding, Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission  
Yvonne Leander, Field Office Director, Housing & Urban Development  
Linda K. Reed, Fair Housing Alliance of Greater Memphis

9:30 – 10:15 am **Overview of Fair Housing Accessibility and Predatory Lending Issues**  
Facilitator: Debra Yarbrough, SouthTrust Bank

**Panelists:**  
Richard Redmon, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist, HUD  
Robert Bright, Tennessee Human Rights Commission  
Gary Vanasek, U.S. Department of Justice  
Jeffrie Bruton, Shelby Residential & Vocational Services

10:15 – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 – 12:00 pm **Background on Local Accessibility Issues**  
Introduction: Dorothy Cleaves, Housing & Urban Development

**Presenter:**  
Michael S. Maurer, Deputy Chief of Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice

12:00 – 1:15 pm **Box Lunch**

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1:15 – 2:45 pm **Accommodations / Accessibility / Accountability**  
Facilitator: Jackie Cobbins, Memphis Fair Housing Center

**Panelists:**  
Carol Gish, West Tennessee Legal Services  
Tracy McCartney, Tennessee Fair Housing Council  
Randy Alexander, Memphis Center for Independent Living

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Construction Code Enforcement / Accessibility Codes / Requirements**  
Facilitator: Mary-Knox Lanier, HCD

**Panelists:**  
John McKay, City of Memphis, Code Enforcement  
Alan Madlock, Shelby County Construction Code

Friday, April 1 – Session Two

9:00 – 10:45 am **Local Initiatives to Combat Predatory Lending**  
Facilitator: Janis Fullilove, WLOK Radio

**Panelists:**  
Kevin Lavender, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions  
Beth Dixon, Memphis Debt Collaborative  
Uriah King, Center for Responsible Lending  
Johnnie Turner, NAACP Predatory Lending Coalition  
Webb Brewer, Memphis Area Legal Services

10:45 – 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 – 12:00 pm **Fair Lending Trends**  
Facilitator: Keith Turbett, National Bank of Commerce

**Panelists:**  
Clinton Vaughn, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
Ellen Eubanks, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
Julaine Harris, Fannie Mae